

II. REMARKS

As an initial matter, the Examiner has not acknowledged Applicants' foreign priority claim and receipt of copies of the certified copies of the priority documents from the International Bureau (see Exhibit A filed herewith). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request with the next communication that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' foreign priority claim and receipt of copies of certified copies of the priority document.

With the above amendments, claims 1-8 have been cancelled, and claim 9 has been newly added.

New claim 9 incorporates subject matter from previous claims 1 and 3, and corresponds to previous claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Therefore, new claim 9 has the identical scope as previous claim 3.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

New claim 9 is now allowable for the reasons of record (see Office Action, dated March 30, 2010, p. 3, ¶ 3).

For all of the above reasons, new claim 9 is in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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